

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 4, 6-7, 11, 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Shdema. This rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 1 recites “the wireless transmitter module transmitting an output signal of a first predefined frequency . . . and an output signal of a second predefined frequency . . . the first predefined frequency being different than the second predefined frequency . . . the first wireless receiver module receiving the first output signal on the first predefined frequency . . . the second wireless receiver module receiving the second output signal on the second predefined frequency.” As described in Applicant’s specification, exemplary embodiments use different frequencies in order to deliver signals to different speakers (see, for example, paragraph [0028]). Shdema fails to teach this feature. The Examiner cites to paragraphs [0038] and [0065] of Shdema as teaching “network audio control data that would constitute the wireless transmitter module transmitting an output signal of a 1st and 2nd frequency.” Applicant respectfully disagrees with this interpretation of Shdema.

The “network audio control data” does not correspond to transmitting on two different frequencies. Paragraph [0065] does reference transmitting high frequency audio and low frequency audio, but this reference is to the audio content, not to the transmission frequency carrying the first output signal and the transmission frequency carrying a second output signal. Exemplary embodiments use different frequencies to direct the output signals to the correct wireless receiver. In Shdema, this technique is not used. Rather, in Shdema the digital speakers are network devices, are identified by a unique address (see paragraph [0029]). Thus, Shdema does not need to use different transmission frequencies to transmit to different devices, the devices in Shdema are uniquely addressable. Thus, Shdema fails to teach the elements of claim 1.

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For the above reasons, claim 1 is patentable over Shdema. Claims 4 and 6-7 variously depend from claim 1 and are patentable over Shdema for at least the reasons advanced with reference to claim 1. Claims 11 and 14-15 recite features similar to those discussed above with reference to claim 1 and are patentable over Shdema for at least the reasons advanced with reference to claim 1.

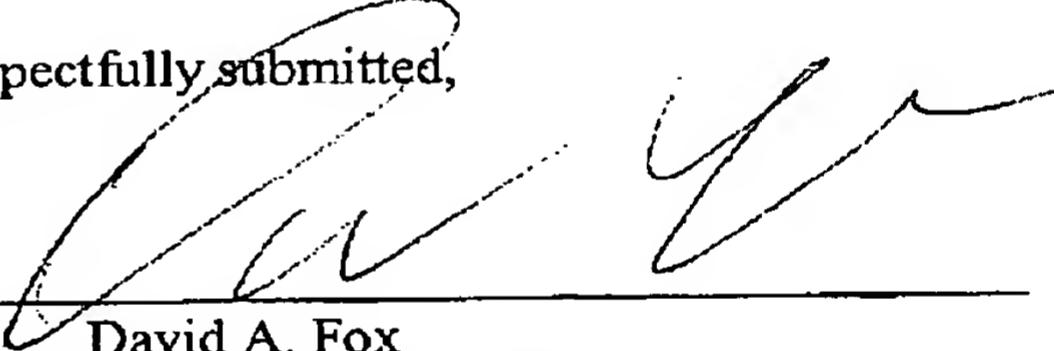
Claims 2, 3, 5, 8, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Shdema. This rejection is traversed for the following reasons. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 8 depend from claim 1 and claims 12 and 13 depend from claim 11 and are patentable over Shdema for at least the reasons advanced with reference to claims 1 and 11, respectively.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicant submits that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

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